posite the boilers. Its origin is unknown. The Edwards was tied to the bark, and taking on wood at the time. The progress of the fire was fearfully rapid. Within the space of three minutes the whole book was in flumes. The only way of escape was by jumping into the river from the after part of the book, and the many more lives were lost. The number is believe to be at least twenty. A fall list of the lost, so fir as known, will be found below.

The surviging passengers and a portion of the officer of the Kdwards, came down on the steamer W. A Andrew Captain Cooper, and arrived in the city this morning. They all speak in the highest terms of the kindness and attention of the officers of the Audrew. In addition to free passages to the city, the destitute were supplied with everything humanity could suggest. Such noble acts should not go unrewarded.

The following is the fullest account of the lost we have yet been able to obtain:

J. J. Varner, Cobb County Ga.; M. A. Brook, San Augustine, Teras; a minister, name unknown, who get on board at Shreveport; Benjamin Turner; Posen; Prust, a German peddler, on deck.

A passet ger saved reports seeing four persons, while men, crowned near him.

Another reports seeing eight men drown.

All of the deck hands are supposed to be saved, as they were on duty at the time of the accident. Inquiry was made among them; they concur in the above, though two are thought to be missicg.

[N. O. Picayue, 14th.

Adiational Facts and Incidents.—Several passengers, names not given went on shore at Alexandria.

T. R. Garrett of Hopkins County, Ky, lost nearly sixy head of cattle, and cash, in all \$2,000.

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D. L. Wilder lost near \$2,000. The iron sheet will be saved, it is thoughtast it was seen in the hull, which chifted sahore and it two miles below the scene of the diseaster, and was secured to the bank.

Peter Bullard saved Mrs. Hill and child of Memphis. Mrs. Ivey of Texas was saved by her brother. Mr. C. C. Peck of Cincinnati, Ohio, cut out three horses, which swam astere. Jim, a tegro, who was chained to the beat, cut the chain with an ax and secaped. Hale in charge of the officers. Only four bales and a part of a bale of cotton were saved by the W. A. Ardrew, which passed soon after and took in the surviving passengers and craw. [N. O. Pic., 15th.

"DEATH BED FOLLIES "-The Charleston Courier so characterizes the will of the late George W. P. Custis, which provides for the emancipation, within the next five years, of his two or three hundred slaves. "It is high time," continues the sagacious and economical Courier, "Virginia had some law on her stat " ute books against this destruction of property. "There are no more elaves in that State now than she "has use for; and, to say nothing of rendering so "many negroes worthless and miserable for the remainder of their lives, the power should be taken " away from men in their second childhood of remov-"ing so much labor from the industry of the State !"

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The Journal des Actionnaires has the following remarks upon the financial situation of France:

"It may now be predicted with certainty that France wil go through this severe trial without any estastrophe. We have not a single failure to mention, and the latef December has oassed off with ir markable facility as regards the payment of elist due at that period. The firmness of our situation is proved by the reduction in the rate of dissount by the Bank of France. Far from that measure's having affected the metallic reserve, the stock of specie has increased during the past week. It is positively stated that the Bank has not less thas 216,000,000f, and there is every reason to believe that the next return will present favorable results. "It is only necessary to call to mind that but for the financial thundereday which suddenly burst in the United States, the year 187 would have been one of the most prosperous that call have been hoped for. France, thanks to the abundant harvest which she has had, will not have to expend anything abroad; but, on the centrary, will, from the surplus of exports, have considerable sums to receive. The price of articles of food is every day declinit;"

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Accounts from Marseilles state that the last week was remarkable for a continued fall in all kinds of grain, and particularly in African wheat there.

The vintage on the Rhine has exceeded all expectation, and prices are daily declining. There is no business doing in brandles.

EVER BEARING STRAWBERRIES .- A correspondent

"Last Summer, when you were discussing the strawberry question, I wished to say to you, but did not, there is an ever-bearing variety, which blossoms and pefece is furt in the open air until the ground freezes; although those ripening in cold, were weather are least highly flavored than those matured in the warm sun. The variety is not remarkably high flavored, of a medium size, and ordinary bearers, but perfectly hardy. The vines lived through last Winter wholly unprotected, for even the snow was blown off them. In pole, they will blossom and perfect fruit through the Winter.

St. Albans, Vt.

## PUBLIC MEETINGS.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.

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TUESDAY, Dec. 22.—At 4 p. m., a quorum bein preent and the President absent, Ald. McSpedon was called to the chair.

Sundry petitions were referred to Committees.

Increase of Natarias.—The report to increase the salary of the Superintendent of Saniary Inspection t \$2,500 came up. Ald. Banka moved to a nend by making the sum \$2,000.

Ald. Drake spoke in favor of the increase, and thought it was due to that officer, who had faithfully and horsetly discharged his duty.

Ald. Adams urged that \$2,000 was sufficient. The streets were to be cleaned by contract, and the duties

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streets were to be cleaned by contract, and the duties of that officer would be comparatively light. He hoped the amendment would be carried.

Ald. FULLMER spoke strongly in favor of the increase, and thought it due to the vigil ance and industry of the Superintendent. He hoped party matters would not be considered.

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Als. Owens raid he was opposed to increase salaries, and had voted against meet of those proposed, but this was an exception, and the increase was only fixing the Superintencents salary at a fair and reasonable compensation. The office was an important one, and Mir Downing had given entire satisfaction to the citizens, as well as the Common Council, and it was only an act of justice to give hin the salary proposed.

Ald. Anams contended that it was not a party quastion, for he knew Mr. Downing well, and vas satisfied with the manner in which he performed his duties. The duties be thought ardnous for one man—there was enough for two to do in that office, and there would probably have to be two.

The question on amending was put and lost.

Ald. Tucken said when this matter was up at a former meeting, he voted against it, not nod sratauding increased.

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Ald Tuckers said when this matter was up at a former meeting, he voted against it, not understanding the merits of the case, but he had inquired since and found the duties of the Specialendent of Santary Information of the duties of the Special of Santary Information of the duties of the Special of Santary Information of

fourd the duties of the Siperintendent of Santary Inspection to be very addous. That officer had a superintendence over the street cleaning and other matters, as required by the ordinances, and \$2,000 was only a fair salary.

The paper was put and a lopted.

The Market Investigation—Ald Hoppening rose to a question of privilege, and asked how it was the Committee on Washington Market matters had so sudderly ferminated their faves igation.

Ald. BLUNT said the Committee had a meeting yesterday, and went on with the investigation.

Ald. McConnell interrupted him saying that the Committee had not met, for there was not a querum present.

Ald. HOFFMIRE said he had no notice.

Aid. Drake said he also, had no notice, and did not recognize the right of Aid. Blunt to go on and take testimety. Ald. HOFFMIRE said, if it was a fact that members of this Board had stands in the market, it was time it

Was known.
A'd. DRAKE held that Ald. Blunt was out of order in

going on with the investigation and taking testimony without a quorum present.

Ald McConnell objected to the assertion of the

Ald McConnell objected to the assertion of the Alderman of the Fifth regarding market astade. He had no stands in the market and nover had, and the gentleman must not throw out such insinuations.

Ald. Adams moved to settle the difficulty by discharging the Committee.

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Aid. Bluer said he had not find all the Committee to meet, and had caused a notice to be published in the newspapers. There was a large number of persons of before the Committee yesterday, and must testimory had been taken. To day he was ready to go on again, when All Drake appeared with Aid McCommell, and moved to adjourn to Wednesday week. He put the question, and the majority carried the acjournment. It was an important subject, and he hoped the Committee would not be discharged.

Aid. McConnell. objected to Aid. Blact speaking, as the motion was to discharge the Committee.

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Ald. Tucken did not see why some of the members should be so sensitive on the subject. It was important to get at the facts, and way should the Committee be discharged? If the members of the Committee did discharged? If the members of the Committee did not want to investigate, he hoped the Chairman would proceed with it. He did not see why members wanted to smother up the investigation—for next week this Common Council would would be the control of the control o

Common Council would expire, and the sooner it would wind up its business the better.

Ald. Drake interrupted Ald. Turker several times with questions of privilege, objecting to inciduations.

Ald. Full men hoped the Committee would go outer \$30,000 had been tucked away somewaste—be the greatest confidence in the head of the D-partment but these accordances wrong in some quarter. ment, but there was something wrong in some quarter, and it was due to every member of the Board that the matter be investigated. The charges implicated the

integrity of every member in the Board. He saw affi-dayite to the effect that members of the Board held stands in Washington Market, and received large sums

of meney.
Ad. ScConnell interrupted, and asked if he had
the affidavits.
Ald. Fullmer said the City Inspector was exceedingly arxious for the investigation to go on, and he
hoped the Board would remove suspicion by letting it

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Atc. Analys said he had received a notice to attend the Committee but was ten minutes late. He was willing to go on with the Investigation, and hoped all the members would attend and ask questions. He would withdraw the motion to discharge the Committee.

The Chair announced that there was consequently no question before the Board.

Ald. Clancy here took the chair.

The Mayor's legal expenses were called up and laid over for another day.

Ald. Couller asked leave to offer a resolution that two additional members be added to the Washington Market Committee, and that they meet to-morrow at 2 p. m., and report on the 28th inst.

Ald. Blunt said he hoped this would be adopted, for he had arrived at important facts, and by making the Committee seven there would be no difficulty in getting a quorum. Two of the Committee had come in suddenly upon him and adjourned it to a time when the official term of the present Aldermen would case.

Ald. Owens spoke in favor of the same, as the adjournment moved by the two members precluded the possibility of the Committee, as at present formed, meeting again.

Ald. Couller hoped the resolution would be adopted; there were imputations against the Board in connection with these market matters, and for one, he wanted to clear himself from anything of the kind.

Ald. Tucker thought this would make the Committee too large, and fetter them sgain.

Ald. McSprepos moved that the additional two be striken out, and that the Committee be instructed to meet to-morrow and go on with the investigation. This was carried.

Common Council Cavriage Hire —Ald. Valentine called up the reports to allow the members of the Council for 1856 and 1857, \$100 each per annum, for carriage hire.

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Ald. Tucker said he did not see why the members of 1856 should have \$100 for carriage hire, or even All. It care and he did not see why the members of 1856 should have \$100 for carriage hire, or even those of 1857. He had been five years in the Common Council, and had used a carriage but once. He did not see why the members should be supplied with carriages, when omnibus and car riding was so cheap.

Ald. McSproon favored the report. He thought the members were becamely to not overriages, when omnibus and car riding was so cheap.

Aid. McSpeddon favored the report. He thought the members were honorable enough to not overcharge the city with carriage hire, and if they did not incur \$100 in riding they would not charge it. The providing of carriages he thought due for the proper dispach of public business.

The report was put, and adopted by 14 to 3, Blunt, Tueker and Owens in the negative.

The Bread Ordinance.—The ordinance adopted in the Board of Councilmen to compel the sale of bread by weight came up and was partly read. Ald Adams moved that it be referred to the Committee on Alma-House Department, whose Chairman is a baker and well acquainted with the bread question.

Ald. Tucker hoped not, and that it would be acted on now. It was an important subject, and calculated to berefit the poor. He opposed any reference.

Ald. McSpedon said this did not regulate the price, but the weight of the bread, and the bakers could charge what they liked and make what quality they chose. He urged that the report be adopted.

Ald. Hoffmer (baker) said he did not rise to oppose the report, but several persons in the business had asked to have a hearing, and he hoped the subject would be referred to a Committee.

Ald. OWENS opposed any reference, and hoped the measure would not be bluffed off.

Ald. McSpedon insisted on action to-night, for it was a fair thing, and no person could be wronged. Crackers were sold by weight, and he hoped bread would be likewise.

Ald Hoffmer spoke again for a reference. Some makers made bread by steam, and the quality of bread differed. He heped the matter would be referred for a hearing.

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The question of reference was put and lost.
The report was read through and concurred in by all present (including Ald. Hoffmire) voting in the affirmative. Sundry papers were referred, and assessment reports acted on, after which the Board adjourned to 5 p. m. Wednesday.

THE ALLEGED ABUSES AT WASHINGTON

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In the absence of a majority of the Special Committee appointed to investigate certain abuses alleged to exist in the sale of sheds, &c., located on the new land on the west side of West street, and appropriated to market purposes, failing to appear at the hour to which the meeting was adjourned the day previous, ald, Brunt, Chairman of the Investigating Committee, proceeds dyesterday to examine witnesses in reference to the matter.

George W. Fielder, who was examined on Monday, was recalled and interrogated as to the manuer in which he obtained permits for his two stands, and he replied that he got one of the permits granted and to the best of his recollection, his partner in business obtained the other one, but he could not testify positively on that point.

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Mr. Morton, City Inspector, here interrupted the Chairman and protested against the investigation proceeding without a quorum of metabers being present. The charges preferred were of a very serious character, and he wanted to have the matter put in a right than and in which they would be properly recognition. chape, and in which they would be properly recog-

Ald. BLUNT replied that if the other members of the

thorough investigation of the alleged abuses, regatu-less of whose malfessance it might expose.

Sands Crawford was next called, and answered;
but at this stage Ald. Drake and McConnell entered
the room, and the former inquired of the Chairm an if
he had examined any witnesses; to which question,
Ald. Blunt replied in the affirmative; whereupon, Ald.
McConnell asked him if he constituted the Committee,
and Ald. Drake demanded that the witness examined
should be recalled and referamined. As a member of and Ald. Drake demanded that the whole of the Committee, he had a right to be present during the whole of the investigation. If one could perform the duties properly, it had been folly to appoint a Committee of five. He would ask, why not appoint a Committee of one at once, instead of five! He would therefore move as adjournment of the in-

westigation.
Mr. Morros hoped that the investigation would not Blur's course in proceeding with the investigation alore, he had complied with his request. He could not well refuse without leaving a false impression on the mineral state.

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Ald, Drake demanded, as a member of the Special Committee, to have the question put, whether the examination of witnesses by a single member should be considered admissible. The question was put and carried in the negative, Ald, Drake and McConnell voting against it and Ald, Blunt for it. Ald, Drake the moved again that the investigation be adjourned until Wednesday of next week, which was carried.

Ald, Brush then stated that he would proceed with the investigation on his own book, and called about 15 witnesses, one of whom refused to answer any questions, and the rest failed to answer to their names, when Ald. Blunt intimated that he should subpens a number more witnesses for to-morrow, intimating that the affidavite set forth that some of the most flagrant. the affidavits set forth that some of the most flagrant abuses had been perpetrated, and they did not show up one-half what he knew.

NEW-YORK SUNDAY 8 CHOOL TEACHERS'
ASSOCIATION.
This Association held its regular monthly meeting in

the Amity-street Baptist Church, corner of Wooster street, on Monday evening, the 21st inst., S. S. Cox-

STANT, e.q., in the chair.

After the usual opening exercises, an eloquent atdress of balf an hour was delivered by Mr. J. W.
RULKLEY of Williamsburgh, on "The Sanday School the Hope of the Church and the World."

Mr. A. GREENLEAF followed, with some interesting remarks respecting the moral discipline and training of children on the continest of Europe.

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In New York, Mr. Pardee stated that many of the schools were at the present time literally crowded with a bay will applie to turn near new acholars for want of room. This however, would be speedily remeated the broom of the children by spike in the broom of the broom of

meetings were referred to as becoming quite numer-cus and largely attended, not only by the children, but also by the parents, and much good was thus effected in elevating many neglected neighborhoods.

ciation adjourned to meet in the same place on the third Monday evening in January, when it will be in order for the Superintendents to report the state of their schools.

These meetings are free to all schools of all churches

POLICE COMMISSIONERS. The Board of Police Commissioners met yesterday afternoon. Present, all members except Mayor Wood.

A'ter the reading of minutes,
Mr. Bowns said that he would soon receive legal advice as to the possibility of applying policemon's fines to the Police Insurance Fund.

Mr. PERIT thought that the policemen should be apprised that all minor delinquences would be strictly

Mr. Bowes said that the Deputy Superintendent was now visiting the Statlon-Houses and addressing the men on the subject of their duties.

Applications for appointment and charges against officers were received.

Mr. Charwell, proposed that the

officers were received.

Mr. Chorwell, proposed that the iron bedsteads now stored at No. 113 Wooster street be used at No. 88 White street, irstead of buying new ones.

Mr. Bowen said that those bedsteads belonged to be officers.

the city.

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Mr. Cholwell was anxious that they should be repaired any way.

Mr. Stranahan presented a flooument which he moved to refer to the Committee on Discipline.

Mayor Powell thought that it might be proper to read it; they would know better how to vote than.

Mr. Stranahan said that the document was from the Grand Jary of King's County, who found that Policemen Boyd and Corwin had received \$15 for not appearing against a man whom they had arrested. The paper was read and referred.

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was given him to decrease the number.

The following communication was read and referred
to the Committee on Lodging Houses:

No. 45 Metro street N Y., Dec. 22, 1857.

Geo. W. Energ, e.g., Chief Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Metropolitan Police, No. 413 Broome street, NewYork:

GEO. W. FERRER, esq. Chief Clerk of the Board of Commissioners of Metropolitan Police, No. 413 Brooms street, New York:

DEAR SIR: Your favor of the 16th, I find on my return to the city. I should be giad to confer with and make some suggestions to the party designated by the Commissioners to put the building No. 129 West Broadway in order.

Respectfully, yours.

A communication was received from Mr. R. Florentine, asking for payment of expenses incurred in the funeral of Eugene Anderson.

Mr. Bowen said that the funeral was managed by outside committees, and the Board had nothing to do with it.

Mr. Perit said that it was a matter of question whether it would not be best to pay the funeral expense.

whether it would not be best to pay the funeral expen-ses of a man who was murdered in the discharge of his duty.

Mr. Bowen said that it was not a mere funeral, but an estentatious procession; and leave was unanimously given Mr. Florentine to withdraw his petition. Ger. Nyz and Mr. Bowen reported on various obarges against policemen; their recommendations, were affirmed, and the Board went into secret session.

MAYOR TIEMANN SWORN INTO OFFICE.

On Monday afternoon Mr. Tiemann, together with Mr. Busteed, made his appearance before the General Term of the Supreme Court, which was then engaged in hearing the argument in the " New Reservoir" case. Judges Mitchell, Roosevelt and Clerke were upon the beach. Mr. Busteed asked the Court to suspend its business for a moment, for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the Mayor elect. The presiding Justice, Judge Mitchell, thereupon descended from the bench and swore in the Mayor, who received the Bible from the hands of Mr. Bartholf, the Crier of the Court. The cath was as follows:

"You do sciemnly swear that you will support the Constitu-tion of the United States and of this State, and that you will faithfully discharge the duttee of Mayor of New York to the best of your ability, so help you God" After receiving his papers and the congratulations of

the Judges, the Mayor and Corporation Counsel left Court together.

DEATH OF AN ELECTION RIOTER.

Patrick Vaughan, one of the three rowdies who forcibly entered the poll-room of the eighth election district of the Eleventh Ward, at 1 | o'clock on the morning of the 2d icst , while the carvass was progressing, and commerced a brutal assault upon the canvasers and officers in attendance, died in the New York Hospital, on Monday night, from a pistol-shot wound he received while in the commission of the felony, at the hands of Officer Van Tassel of the Eleventh Precinct. The officer discharged his pistol at Vaughau as a last resort, and in order to save the lives of his associates (Officers Hawks and Miller), whom Vaughan and his confederates were attempting to kill when he was subdued by a bu'let which pierced his body. After his admission to the Hospital, Vaughan appeared to get along very well, and some ten days ago his friends were very anxious to remove him Committee thought proper to stay away, that circum-stance was not going to prevent him from dispharging his duty: for one, he was determined to make a thorough investigation of the alleged abuses, regardfor the patient to be removed. About a week since, Vaughan being worse, Coroner Hills was sent for to take his arts-mortem examination, but on reaching the Hospital, Vaughan n t considering himself to be in a dying condition, his affidavit was not taken. He was then able to be about the ward where he had been under treatment, and promised to be soon fully recovered. Soon after and, however, he began to decline, and continued to fall gradually up to the time of his death. Yesterday, Coroner Hills went to the Hospital. and commenced an inquisition on the body by taking the depositions of the rephew and wife of the decea ed Their festimony is so much at variance with the official account of the outrage, as given after the bloody affair, that we deem it necessary to republish the following report made by Inspector Squires of the Eleventh Precinct to Depu y Superintendent Carpen-

Eleventh Precinct to Depu y Seprintendent Carpenter, on the morring of the 2d inst. He says:

"Three desperadoes came into the poll-room of the Eighth District about it o'dock this morning before the canvass was closed, and commanded a failt by knocking down Dr. Dimon and jumping on him. Officer Mill'er interfered to save Dimon, and finally succeeded in recoding him, when the assalants ran into a house and instantly came out armed with a gan and a large krife and made a furious onslaught on the officers have rapped for being and Officers Hawks and Van Tassel soon came to their sid. Notwithstanding the officers had been oblised to use their chubs freety, it only seemed to exaperate the rufficase and they ne scener saw the other officers arrive than one of them made desperade rush at Officer Hawks, plunging a large laffe into him in two places, while another levaled a sun at another of the officers, which missed firs, fortunately, and be fore he could pull the trigger again. he was knecked down by Cifficer Duffy, when the outlies who had stabbed Hawks left him and made a rush at the other officers with kaife drawn and resting with blood. At this moment Officer Varyalan is there was no other atternative drew his revolver and shot Pat Vaughan (the man with the knife) but he still continued his assent when as second shot was discharged, which broth efficers, Miller and Duffy. Vaughan is badly wounded and was sent to the New-York Hospital after exam nation by PK Kinsberk. John Canady, another of the desperadors, was secured and sent to the Police Court, and the third of the stracking party made his secape, but the officers know him and he will undoubtedly be taken. Great credit is due to the officer for the if firmness and irrepility in this desperate earlay. Office Hawks is badly but not fatally injured. Dr. Kimbark dressed his wounds."

John Kennedy, residing at No. 192 Avenus C, being ter, on the morning of the 2d icst. He says:

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No other witnesses being present, the farther investigation of the matter was adjourned till 104 o'clock this morning, at the Coroner's office, No. 6 Centre street. The witness Kennedy is said to be one of the parties who was erg sged in the deadly assault upon the officers, but in his testimony he says not a word on that part of the subject except that the deceased had no difficulty whatever with any one previous to the time he was besten and arrested. The policeman who figured in the affair wil be heard before the Coroner to-day. The deceased was 38 years of age, and a na-tive of Ireland. He was a blacksmith by trade, and worked in Tenth street. He has left a wife and two emall ch ldren.

HUDSON RIVER ITEMS.

THE WEATHER ON THE HUDSON —On Monday the weather was very cold up the river. Snow began to fall about II p. m. Yesterday morning the snow was about two inches deep, the weather being warmer.

SUICIDES.— AIT. 18880 Usepenter, & well known resident of White Plains, committed suicide on Thursday by hanging himself.

Mr. W. Houghkirt, a farmer, residing in Akin's Cove, town of Middleburgh, Schoharie Co., hung himself a few days since, in a vacant house on his farm. He was about 50 years of age.

PATAL ACCIDENT AT NEWBURGH.—Mr. Benjamin F. Warking returning from Kiederhook to his place in Pean-

F. Watkins returning from Kindernook to his place in Penn-sylvania, called to visit his niece, Mrs. Kane of Newburg and, after building her good bye, made a false step from the stairs, dislocating his neek and producing instant death. Coroner Fenton held an inquest upon the body, when the Jury rendered a verdict in scoreance with the above facts.

THEIR LAST TRIPS.—The barge Republic, of

Drownen. - A wan named Baitus Teneyck, on his way home from Coyman's, on Vilday evening, fell on the Hudson River Ealfroad, and was drowned.

POISONED FROM EATING CANDIES.—A young lady Mary Lydes, of Catshill, was taken saddenly sick one day last week while at school, and died the same evening. She had all the symptoms of poison, and it is supposed she was poisoned by eating colored candies.

## CITY ITEMS.

If any of our readers wou d like to make a "Merry Chriatmas" for hungry mouths, they will find a good opportunity at the various Industrial Schools, and we give their numbers: No. 254 West Twenty-eighth street, near Tenth avenue; East Fortieth street, near Third avenue; No 14 Avecue C; No. 181 Cherry street (Fourth Ward School); and the School for Italian Organ-grinders, at Mr. Pease's Mission-or good things can be sent directly to the office of the Children's Aid Society, No. 11 Clinton Hall, Astor

FAIR.-THE REV. RALPH HOYT-At No. 388 Fourth avenue, near Twenty-eighth street.-This Fair is for the benefit of the Free Church of the Good Shepherd, now being erected in Fifty fourth street, and another of the name at Fort Lee, N. J., both is charge of Mr. Hoyt.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.-The last performance of Robert le Diable is announced for this evening-with La Grange, Formes, Bignardi, Labocetta, and others. - Madame Caradori, a prima donna, just arrived from Europe, will shortly appear at the Academy in Italian, German and Eeglish opera; also in oratorio.

THE BALL .- The ball at the Academy of Music last night was a spiendid affair. The building was very handsomely decorated. The main portion was hung with evergreens, and the stage and dancing floor tastefully ornamented with statuary and mirrors, and lighted by large chandeliers. The music for dancing was exe cuted by Kammerer's band, the National Guard band performing the promenades. All New-York was present, and appeared to great advantage.

How THE PROPLE ARE ROBBED .- The Controller is, by a series of communications to the Common Countil, howing up the reckless manner in which business has been done in the S reet Department, in the giving out and management of contract work. That the Lagislature had just reason to take up our local matters and change the corrupt system, none of the property-holders who have been taxed for street openings, grades, &c., will dispute. The Controller, by his timely action in opposition to the illegal contract to pave Court landt street, and other similar jobs, has recently saved the property owners as well as the city much outlay of money, which would have gone into the pockets of contractors. When the new Mayor comes into office have but little chance.
In a communication to the Common Council on

Monday night, the Controller gives the history of a con-

tract to regulate, grade and curb, Forty-rixth street,

between Fifth averus and the East River, made in 1852, continued under three Street Commissioners, and now before the Assessors preparatory to being sent to the Common Council near the close of the session, ard rushed through like the Fifth avenue job, is definice of any remorshance that may be made by the property holders on the line of "inprovement."
The Street Commissioners' books show that bids were opered August 1, 1851, and the job awarded Casey, but reither the original specifications for the werk nor any abstract of the bids, can be found. The only action apparent was in the Common Council proceedings August 14, of the same year, in a resolution that as the lowest estimator declined to righthe contract, on the ground that there was more rock excavation than he expected, the S reet Commis-ioner give the contract to the next lowest bidder, or advertise for a new estimate, as he saw fit, which resolution was laid on the table. On the 1st of December, 1852, bids were opened again by the Commissioner, and the contract was awarded to James B. Brady, at the following prices, viz : For excavating earth 14 cents per cubic yard; furnishing and filing earth, 134 cents; blasting rock, 67 cents; setting curb and gutter, 434 cents per running foot: culverts, 97 do., and circular corners per set, \$3 95. The work was to have been completed December 31, 1853, but there is written on the contract book the following memorandun: "Time extended to 1st June 1856. Dated Jan. 5, 1856. James Purey, Street Commissi per." Mr Farey's term expired December 31, 1855, so that this extension looks de cidedly questionable. On the 19th January, 1855, certificates of work doze to the amount of \$6,976 20 were duly honored by the Street Department, and on October 17, 1856, \$3,886 05 more. On the 22d of September, 1857, a final return of sil the work was made to the Asserser, and a copy of the same presented to the Centroller for an advance of 70 per cent. Tae Controller called on Mr Daniel Ewen, City Surveyor, to exemine the work, and found the total number of yards of rock excavated to be 23,500, do. earth, 3,850; filling, 17,250; drains, 350 feet; curb and gutter, 6,432; sets of corrers, 12. In this examination it was shown that the grade between Fifth and Fourth avenues was made previous to this contract by another party, at a cost of \$4.047 06, and yet the returns of Brady's contract did not allow for it, and the Street Commissioner did not deduct it. where there is an officer exercising a vigitance over these matters. Mr. Brady was to excavate earth above the grade, and fill is certain portions, but the Controller shows in his communication, and the report of Mr. Ewen, that the filling was not done according to contract; neither were the excavations.

The sidewalks were to have been fifteen feet wide, and they are but little over eight feet. The excavations of filling, and appearance, and still requires in order to be properly done under the contract, 685 yards of rock to be excavation. With these of filling, and 200 yards of excavation. With these of filling, and 200 yards of excavation. With these of filling, and 200 yards of excavation. With these of filling, and 200 yards of excavation. With these

deficiencies the work is retarned to the Assessor as finished, and the Assessors make their returns as foi lowe: 3,699 yards earth excevations, at 14 cents, \$517 86; 23,719 rock do. at 67 cents, \$15 891 73; 469 feet culverte at 97 cente, \$454 93; 6,434 ourb and gutter at 43; cents, \$2,799 68; 12 sets corners at \$3.95. \$47 70; extra digging for culverts between First and Second avenues, 375 feet, at \$2 per foot, \$1,150. Total \$20,861. The Arsersors leave out the excess of filling, but have included \$1,150 for "extra digging for culverts," an item not embraced in the original contract, and without authority. This latter was allowed by the Street Commissioner, but the Controller says: " Neither that officer or any other has any right to add a deliar to a contract, or make an additional allowance." This job may be expected up for con firmation before the expiring Common Council.

SUPPOSED SUICIDE OF A SPIRITUALIST .- A widow lady named Evars, about 40 years of age, who resided with her daughter and son-in-law at No. 16 Cottage place, died very suddenly on Monday afternoon, under circumstatees which induced the belief that she swallowed a dose of poison for the purpose of self-destrue tion. Mrs. Evans was of a very nervous and excitable temperament, and, not enjoying good health, was in the babit of taking a great deal of medicine. She was a believer in the doctrire of Spirituatism, as enunciated by various mediums throughout the city, and attended the circles of those strong in the faith, till her mind had become constantly occupied with the subject. On several occasions Mrs. Evans had expressed an ardent desire to leave this earthly sphere and soar above to the spirit land. She had occasionally gone so far as to threaten to take her life to relieve herself of the troubles and cares consequent upon a residence on this earth. Such was her general debility that Dr. Keith and several other physicians have been in atterdance and prescribed numerous remedies for her relief. Mrs. Evans appeared to be usually well on Monday morning, and during the forenoen she took a walk in Broadway, making several calls before her return. At 2 o'clock the fellowing afternoon she was a corpse. The case will probably be brought to the actice of the Coroners this morning, when an inquest will be held on the body.

THE DUKE OF BUCKINGHAM'S SILVER-INTEREST-ING SABE .- The plate chest of his Grace the late Duke of Buckingham, with its centerts, consisting of 173 pieces of sterling silver of great elegance of workmanstip, will be sold on Thursday, the day before Christmas, at one o'clock, P. M., by Messrs Leeds & Co., at their sales room No 23 Nassau street, where it may be seen until the sale. The sliver is all warranted and each piece is marked with the ducal crest. The pieces will be sold separately or in small lots, so that all will have a charce (probably the on y ore which will ever occur here) to obtain a specimen of ducal splendor.

A THUEF WHO PROVIDES FOR HIS FAMILY .-- POliceman Collard, of the Thirtsenth Ward, intercepted several sik shirts, shawls, and other articles of female wearing apparel, yesterday afternoon, on the person of a masculine thief They are supposed to have been stolen from Twenty-sixth street, near Sixth or Seventh avenues. They are at the Station-House.

TO GRORGE W. CURTIS, As when in youth we heard, through evenings long,
The flowing waters and the singing birds,
It vales and groves that were our shrines of song,
Til we dreamed music; so tey matchless words

Til we dreamed music; so try matchies words.
Disc ursed so awedly with continuous strain,
In after bours remurmur through the brain:
And voice mien music in the memory blending,
Restore the here to the mind again,
And Syd. sy's self glows on the pictured stags,
As when he walked with knights and queens
enolog,
And charmed with tyre and sword a countly age,
When he was a rewrand with his defending. When Poesy was crowned with his defending, And England, hero-loving, made his grave Green with the tearful homoge of her best and brave.

Robbing a Sallon of his Wages.—On Monday afternoon, a sallon named Charles Murray, belonging to the chip Robert Hastie was payd off, and after pocketing his wages, amounting to \$90, set out on a spree, in company with a brother far named John Anderson and one Cratin, the husband of the landady at whose house he put up. The trio rode about to wain a carriage, and had a fine time, stopping at this place and that, and at every stop whetting their whistles. It was late at right before the parry got home, and, wearled out, Murray retired to bed. Yesterday morning he discovered that be had been robbed, and stated the fact to the people in the house, but none of them seemed to know any thing about the matter. Murray, suspecting Anderson and Mrs. Custin, the keeper of the saler boarding-house. No. 306 Water street, made courtlaint at the Essex Market Police Court, and a warrant being issued. Officer Conlin made the arrest. werrant being issued, Officer Coulin made the arrest. Upon the person of Mrs. Custin were found Murray's peketbock and \$19 of the money, which he identified. Justine Brennan held Mrs. Custin to ball, and committed Anderson in default, to answer the charge.

RIVER THIEVES — Yesterday afternoon four young fellows, giving their names as Wullam Petit, John McLelan John Curtis and John P. Smith were appre-McLelan John Curtis and John P. Smith were apprehended as river thieves and charged with robbing the sleep "Fanny" of Seg Hatbor, lying at the dock foot of James slip. The robbery was discovered early the next day, but no clue to the thieves or property could be found. A day or two afterward a quantity of the stolen goods, consisting of bags of coffee, chests of tea, barrels of sugar and other groceries were found accreted in the hold of the schooner Stranger, which has been for some weeks lying at the wharf foot of Brocme street, undergoing repairs. The Captain of the Stranger made the discovery and gave information to the police, who watched for the thieves, hoping to eatch them when they came to carry off the booty. Yesterday the fellows above named were caught alongside the schooner in a small boat, in the act of removing the stolen property. The thieves were conremoving the stolen property. The thieves were con-veyed before Justice Wood, at the E-rex Market

veyed before Justice Wood, as Police Court, and committed for examination. RUS OVER BY A TRUCK AND KILLED .- An inquest Rus Over By a Truck and killen.—An injustic was held yesterdey by Coroner Commery, at No. 368 Water street, upon the b dy of a child four years of age, named Themas Burrows, who was run over at the corner of Cherry and Oliver street vesterday morning by a trick loaded with twenty barrels of flour, and crushed to death. Several witnesses to the converence were examined, all of whom testified that it was seedlestal, and not attriburable to carelessmas on the part of the driver of the truck. The Jury tendered a verific of accidental feath, and sequitted the driver from all blame. Because was an intelligent child, and lived with his parents at the house above named.

SCODEN DEATH AT THE SHAKESPEARE HOTEL .-SCIDEN DEATH AT THE SHAKESPALE HAVE AND SOLVED TO THE BEATH AT THE SHAKESPALE HAVE A GETMAN, known only by the name of Breatcherts, but who was called "Professor," has been lying ill at the Shakespace Hotel, William street. He looked pale and emarised it had a severe cough, and presented all the symptoms of one aufleting with the consumption. Yesterday morning a waiter on taking some breakfast to his room, found him dead in bed. Coroner Bills held an inquest on the body, and the Jury, on the featimony presented rendered a verificat of death by "phthisis pulmonalia." The deceased was about 45 years of age.

A CARD.—The Board of Management of the Women's Protective Emigration Society, return treir cordial thanks to Marshal Rynders for his generosity in tendering them free of charge, the Empire Club Recome for their use during the Winter. It is an act which testifies at once appreciation of their humante intentions and practical earnest purpose to aid in carrying them ont. By order of the Board.

ELIZA W. PARNHAM, Corresponding Secretary.

Cffice of the Women's Protective Emigration Society, No. 29 Caral at near Broadway.

Dec. 22, 1867.

The Fair of the Ladies' Benevolent Society of the Memorial Church, for the benefit of the Chu ch and he Poor, is now being held in the Sunday-School room, corner of Hammond

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[Advertisement.]

"BOREAS; Or, THE SPIRIT OF AIR."—This magnificent Pentomine at Purpy's National Theater must have surprised all who belief it has evening, as it certainly is the most brilliant affair ever pisced open the stage. It must have a long and successful run. It is announced for every night have a long and successful run. It is announced for every night that week, and on Coristona Afternoof The sevening the much admitted Danas of "Wallace" will proceed it and "The Mochitals Sylehi" will conclude the entertainment.

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The bonds of John J. White, Superintendent of the Poor elect, were presented, approved and ordered on file.

Drafts of bills were presented to be sent to the Legislature, districting the county into four districts for the election of Coroners, which provides that one Coroner shall reside in and be elected from the E witern District, Brooklyn; one from the Western District, one from New Utrecht, or Gravessed, and one from New-Lotts, or Fistlands. Also, to district the county in five districts for Superintendents of the Poor-one to be elected and reside in the Eastern District of Brooklyn, two from the Western District of Brooklyn, two from the Eastern District of Brooklyn, two from the Utrecht of the Eastern District of Brooklyn, two from the Legislature.

The Special Committee's report on the unster of the accounts of the Commissioners of Emigration was taken from the table, and the resolution cirecting the Superinterdents to apply to the Legislature for an enactment compelling the Commissioners to pay the sancunts one on the large sums which have been deducted from the bills of the Superintendents unjustly, was adopted. The resolution passed at the least meeting, requesting the Legislature to pass an act requiring the Justices to sentence all prisoners over ten days to the Penitentiary instead of the Jail, was reconsidered and laid on the table. The Beard adjourned to next Tuesday.

David Fastgate, in Hicha street, near Atlantia, was robbed pre-terday merning about 11 o'clock of \$221.50 in gold. \$274 in where a dead for a house and lot, a note for \$1,00 and as insur-ance policy, which were contained in a tin box which was kept behind the bar. The property is supposed to have been taken by a man who came in shortly before and called for a cup of los, and while the landlady was down stairs preparing it he left.

ROBBERT.-The house of Mr. Van Antwerp, No. 96 Court street, was robbed vesterday morning of an overcost a givers, by a man who called on Mr. Van Antwerp on prete of sering to some dental operations. He took the goods as was leaving, and the loss was not discovered till too late.

ADDATIFIED—1 he goods taken from the four per-cine are a ed on Saturday night by the police of the Third fre-cinct were yesterday morning identified by an officer from Top-sa having been sto en from the store of Mr. Francis Davia, No. 220 River street, Troy, on Towday, Den 13. The store was tobted of \$1,100 worth of goods, and these are part of those stolen. The tarties a rested were taken to Troy for Irisl. A reward of \$200 had been offered for their recovery.

DESCENT ON A l'OLICY SHOP.—Sergeante Mathers and Brokaw, of the First Preciset, y saterlay made a descent on a policy shop, No 18 James street, and arrested the propriet James Jenkius. He was taken before a Mugieriate, and held in \$1.000 ball to await trial Pantieurs Johnson, jr., arrested the eventing previous for a similar offense, in Doughay street, was also held in \$1,000 ball to await trial.

EVENING SCHOOLS —The closing exercises of a per-tion of the evening schools took place last evening. They were well attended, and the exercises were highly interesting.

LAW INTELLIGENCE.

SUPREME COURT-SPECIAL TERM-Dec. 21.-Before Judge Townsend Cox agt. George Barnes, &c.-Order

SUPERIOR COURT-Special Term-Duc 22. COURT OF COMMON PLEAS-Dec. 22.-Before Judge

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This was an action to recover a penalty and damages under the act for the prevention of fires. The law provides that if any person shall errect a wooden building of more than the electric hight within centum parts of the city (below Forty second street), such affender shall be liable to a ponsity of \$500 and a fine of \$50 per day for each day which he suffers she building to stand after notice to remove it. The defaudant in this suit bringed this law and is a sed for the penalty and a \$500 fine \$41,000 in als. Verdict for glaintiff for \$500.

MARINE COURT—Dec. 21—Before Judge Thomrson.
Themas D Sherwood agt — Campbell and Rutherford Maody.
This was an action brought for \$500 counsel fees for services rendered by the playtiff as the defendant's coursel is so not of some mann use in which August Belmont was sween the printiffs and the defendants Robert W Lowber and others. A verdict was rendered for the plaintiff for \$500, the full amount of his claim.

CNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT—Dec. 22—Before Judge Indexesott.

The case of the bank Wm. G. Lewis, libeled on a charge of being fitted out from this pert as a slaver, was called on It was, however, postponed to enable the Dustrict Attarney to procure testimony from Norfolk.

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BROOKLYN CITY COURT—Duc. 22.—Before Judge
Geo. W. Brown art. Loring Pickering and others.
The order in this matter was sattled by the City
Judge on Saturday adjudating Brown guilty of contempt, and
directing that he stand committed to the County Jail of Kings
County until the amount of fine (19/20) be paid; the Cierk
was directed to file the record, and that the committed should
lesso to Tuesday morning, and before the same was issued, a wri
of certiorari granted by Judge Birdenye, of which the follow
ing is a cyp, was handed to the Gity Judge by plaintiff's counsel:
The People of the State of New York to the City Judge, Brown
ing in Court of the City is willing for certain causes to be
cetified of a certain cockion and order made by the said City
C-unter Brockion, as is complained by theories do did to
the 19th day of Dec. 1977, whereby the said George W. Brown on
was adjudged guilty of centempt in not complying with a sectain other order, and was ordered to stand committed to the
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common fail of the County of Kirgs until be should pay
the sum of \$2.20 imposed as a fine by said court upon blus:
And also of the affidavirs proceedings and grounds of said
order, and all the proceedings touching the same in as full and
as ample a mainter as the same remain before you.
There are we down mend you, the City Court of Brooklyn, that
you certify and distinctly and openly certify and send under
the seal of said Court and the hand of the said City Judge to
our Justices of our Supreme Court, or sense or one of them at a
Special Term of our said Supreme Court, to be held at the City
Hell Brooklyn. Kings County, New York, on the last Monday
of Jacusery read, 1852, logselver with this writ, so that our said
Supreme Court may cause to be done there what of right
ought to be done.

Witness LECIEN BINDSEYE, esq., Justice of said Supreme
Court, &c.

Court, he John P Thay Attorrey. WM H. CAMPBELL. Clerk. John P The above writ not only stays the issuing of the commitment but removes the whole matter to the Supreme Court for review.

COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS-DEC. 22 -Before Re-COURT OF GENERAL SESSIONS - DEC. 22.—Before Recorder SMITH.

The first case called up this morning was that of Jimes J. Mooney, indicted for assant and bettery, on the lat of December, on William Shaltz, at a larger her garden in the Eighth avector. There was a material condition of testimony is the case the complainant, Shultz, awearing that the accused, without p overait in broke a pictol over his head, while others testified that the first assault was made upon the prisoner. The Jury gave the accused the benefit of the doubt, and acquisted him.

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Paul Riley was then arraigned, indicated for at-aling a wagon, alleged to be worth \$35, on the little of November. from Mr. John Gelseman. The wagon was subsequently found between Fifty second and Fifty-third streets. Comediainnt testified that he gave \$25 for the wagon about is months ago, and had four new wheels put on it, worth nearly \$20. Officers 87 yeter arrested the presence, and had seen him driving the wagon about some time before the arrest. Some doubt arone as to the wagon's being now worth over \$15 the waller required to enviet a man of grand isreeny. The Jury took the more leafert view and brought in a verdict of guilty of petit isreeny.

to enviet a man of grain streety the proceedings, Recorder Smith whicheve and brought in a verdet of gullty of petit larcony. Sentence deferred.

At this sings of the proceedings, Recorder Smith whicheve from the banch, and Judge Russell officiated for the lare.

Her chick Henn, German, was then brought to the bar indicts for grand larcony in stealing, on the 27th of November, a quartity of property mostly elathing, worth in the surgergate shall from leadors Booman tallor, in Laurens street. The actual do not a work for Booman, and, on the night of the arcony by the premises Officer King afterward acreered that he not work for Booman, and, on the night of the arcony by the premises Officer King afterward acreered the accused as he was sold into a store with a bundle under his arm between Brooms street and the Bowery. The completional soon stitled daily property found on the prisoner as his and as being stolen from him on the ulset the property of the consistency of th

gary in the third degree, and was sent to the Positantiary for the year.

Mary Boan, alian ' Curly," indicted for grand largery was then arraigned for trial. The largery was alleged to they been committed upon a Mr. Jonah Rogers, on the night of the 17th inst. while standing in front of a liquer shop at Bo. 17 Rogers, the third with then and there the alorsail. "Curly" mysteriously abstracted from the pocket of said Rogers bis pocket-oak, containing a promissory note of the same of \$10, with various other arms of money in bills. But the testimenty of the complainant, with one other witness, was so unsaff-actory, that the prosecution determined to absardous the incisc ment, and the Jury acquitted "Curly" of the beliations that the prosecution determined to absardous the incisc ment, and the Jury acquitted "Curly" of the discious intonic charged scalamb her. The complainant, Rogers, halfs from Sag Harbor, Suffick Courty, and on the night in question appeared to be "round," viewing the "instinctions" of the cits.

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